

# AHSS Annual Postgraduate Research Conference

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**The AHSS Annual Postgraduate Conference** took place on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 online. The call for participants was sent out in April and following a great response, a 2-day event was organised, comprising of papers and posters featuring Humanities postgraduates from University of Limerick, Mary Immaculate College and Limerick Institute of Technology. The online event allowed participants to develop their presentation skills and to share their research findings and methods with the postgraduate community and faculty.

Dr. Niamh Lenahan welcomed the AHSS community and thanked them for their interest in participating in the Conference. Dr. Lenahan hoped that those presenting and attending would help them to explore their areas of research further, hear about possible new sources, discover new virtual connections with other postgraduates, connections that could possibly be followed up after the conference. All of these items should help the students research as well as help to build a Limerick based research community. The Assistant Dean, Research, Dr. Niamh Nic Ghabhann welcomed everyone online and was delighted that the collaboration between Mary Immaculate College and Limerick Institute of Technology continues. The Executive Dean, Prof. Shane Kilcommins complemented the supports that had been put in place to facilitate the research students and create a vibrant community. He acknowledged the challenge for students in presenting a paper or poster at a conference. He was struck by the richness and diversity of the themes of the papers and posters which covered topics such as counter terrorism, LGBTI identities and experiences, the Trump era, visionary art, sports and sexual offending.

Postgraduate researchers and faculty were able to listen to papers and view the posters online. The postgraduate community chaired the sessions where they introduced the speakers and managed the Q&A sessions that followed. After each session, questions were posed and students entered into lively discussions on the topics presented. The Conference became a networking forum where students made connections through similar research areas.

The online forum was appreciated by the academic community and the activity on Twitter reflected the lively themes and discussions that took place over the two days.

The event was organised by Dr. Niamh Lenahan. Thank you to Dr. Niamh Nic Ghabhann for her huge support and to Jess Beeley and Riona Gillespie who helped with the Conference.